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\$300,000 ENTIRELY INADEQUATE.

Cheap army post construction in Hawaii is costly in the long run, and it is entirely inadequate now or at any other time.

Army officers here know it and the business community, with a consistent and proper interest in army affairs on Oahu, is also having the matter brought to its attention in a timely manner.

Cable despatches say that the army bill, presumably reported on Saturday by the house committee on military affairs, carries an appropriation of \$300,000 for Fort Shafter barracks. This sum is just one-third of what army experts have estimated as the minimum for the construction of buildings at Fort Shafter to house the three new regiments expected to be stationed there.

Three hundred thousand means a continuation of cheap and inadequate construction. It means a constant drain on army funds for repairs. It means officers naturally dissatisfied with their quarters and men naturally dissatisfied with their barracks. It means, in short, buildings which cannot be objects of pride to the community or of ordinary comfort to their inmates.

At the present time the army authorities on Oahu are asking about \$90,000 for much-needed repairs, due to the cheap construction. And it has not been long since a lively island breeze played havoc at Shafter and Schofield with some of this same cheap construction.

Oahu is growing, in a military way, by huge leaps. Ultimately from 22,000 to 25,000 men will be stationed here. The adoption of a policy now of sound construction, along lines worked out here, adapted particularly to Hawaii, will in the long run save Uncle Sam millions of dollars. There never was a better example of penny-wise, pound-foolish than the proposal to construct here for \$300,000 quarters and barracks for three entire regiments.

The Chamber of Commerce took this matter up yesterday and plans to urge, through its representative in Washington, that the appropriation be \$900,000. This is an eminently proper and a timely action. Delegate Kuhio is now in Honolulu and it is hoped will use his influence to the same end.

The army bill is being hurried along in Congress. There is no time to lose. Other public organizations can help along by backing the work to get an adequate appropriation for army post construction here.

STREET-PAVING TANGLES.

Some of the city officials are blaming J. A. Gilman for developing tangles on the Lusitana street and Kalakaua avenue paving. Deputy City Attorney Cristy is quoted this morning as saying:

"In all of the roadwork attempted to be done under the present board there have been protests from the property holders that the work as specified by the city would not be consented to, unless the specifications were changed so that instead of concrete, bitulithic or warrenite was used; then the property owners would entertain the proposition of the improvement, but not otherwise. Gilman has been at the back of all of this and has delayed the projects as much as any other factor in the work."

The Star-Bulletin holds no brief for Mr. Gilman or for his paving, but it is certain that in the Kalakaua avenue case the property-owners themselves asked for bitulithic or warrenite and did it upon the advice of disinterested and capable engineers. There was a largely-attended meeting of the affected owners upon the roof-garden of the Young Hotel; they favored warrenite for Kalakaua avenue, and they also favored getting it without further delay.

In this case, it was partly the opposing stand of two or three members of the board of supervisors and the advice of the city engineer that delayed decision. Finally, as the city officials know, the advocates of concrete made out such a good case that a combination of a concrete base and a bitulithic surface has been virtually decided upon.

In this instance the property-owners favored warrenite and it was opposition among city officials themselves which postponed the ultimate decision upon the type of paving to be adopted. The property-owners favored warrenite because it had proved itself in Honolulu and these businessmen who have to pay for most of the cost of paving Kalakaua avenue were satisfied that warrenite has made good.

The Lusitana street case is in a different category. This is largely a dispute as to what Gilman has offered to do. He says he has offered to do certain things and two officials are quoted this morning as questioning his good faith.

What particularly concerns the public in the

Lusitana improvement is the fact that the cost is running higher than was expected—and that the city has to foot the difference—and the further fact that another delay of actual work is in prospect. These are precisely the facts pointed out by the Star-Bulletin last evening and if the facts have aroused city officials, some service has been performed.

Viewed from the standpoint of an innocent bystander, the whole paving situation in Honolulu appears as a battle of rival contractors and opposing interests, in which the board is getting more and more deeply involved. Whether the contractors or the supervisors are going to run the city's affairs is a question the supervisors ought to settle in the negative now if they expect to make a success of the rest of their term of office.

JUDGE GARY INDICTED.

The Honoluluans who met Judge Elbert H. Gary or heard him speak while he was in Honolulu last July were impressed with the consideration for labor shown by the executive chairman of the United States Steel Corporation. In an authorized interview with him printed in the Star-Bulletin when he arrived; later in an address at the Commercial Club, he came out strongly for fair play and fair wages for workmen.

His handling of the "steel trust's" affairs has proved his good faith in this respect. Only recently this company, the largest industrial unit in the world, raised wages throughout its ranks of employees.

Consequently, his indictment as one of the members of an alleged monopoly to fix wages in violation of an Ohio state law has caused much surprise here. He has not hesitated to denounce the indictment as a travesty of justice, and the presumption of innocence is very strongly in his favor, in the minds of those who met him here.

"DERBY SOLDIERS" SATISFACTORY.

Whether the hundreds of thousands of men enlisted under the recruiting plan of Lord Derby would turn out to be good material was the question often asked by military authorities when the plan was outlined. It appears that the results are satisfactory. In correspondence from London it is stated that "the Derbyites are excellent material for soldiers," the verdict of a prominent general after an inspection of a large body of the recruits who recently joined the army under the group system named after Lord Derby.

The Associated Press correspondent spoke to many of the men, the majority of whom showed keen interest in their training and willingly suffered the inconveniences of their new profession.

The groups first called up were still going through their period of setting-up drill, and the men were stiff and sore from the almost continuous Swedish exercises and routine marches, which they start daily before breakfast and carry on until dusk. It could be seen, however, that even the short spell of strict military discipline and physical training had made a wonderful difference in the bearing of the men, most of whom had previously led sedentary lives in city offices and factories and seemed visibly to fill out under the influence of the open air and constant movement.

Virtually every district of the United Kingdom was represented among the recruits, and the various races—Welsh, Irish, Scottish and English—were easily distinguishable.

The course of a soldier's preliminary training, which in peace times is spread over about twelve months, is now condensed into four months and at the expiration of that period an infantryman is regarded as fit to take the field.

Now that Germany has launched a new submarine war, the world should learn just how much her comparative cessation of undersea activity was due to the destruction of her divers by the Allies.

As an evidence of harmony and unity, California Republicans have already split into two camps upon the issue of naming delegates for the Chicago convention.

Montenegro's capital is now in France—and France's capital is a trifle worried.

Huerta eliminated himself by dying, but Villa is more obstinate.

Local politics—fair to warmer.

Goes Sherman One Better



Stanislaw Martin Rycak, the Polish refugee now in Honolulu, and his wife, who is at Vladivostok.

That "war is worse than hell" is the declaration of Stanislaw Martin Rycak, Polish refugee from the city of Warsaw, who is now in the city and whose story was printed in detail in yesterday's Star-Bulletin. This statement came today from Rycak when told by his interpreter, Detective Rudolph Stein of General Sherman's famous metaphor.

"It was starvation all the way," said Rycak. "If we failed to obey orders during the long march from Warsaw we were forced on by the guards; men prodded with bayonets and women with the butts of guns."

"One of the things that the Russian government did was to have an inven-

tory taken of various peoples' property, but there was much graft even in that for the men who did the work received bribes from the rich people, and let the poor ones go unnoticed, which means that the latter will probably never have any way of identifying their property after the war."

Rycak's wife, who is in Vladivostok waiting to join him in San Francisco, will probably have little difficulty in leaving the Russian city, as there are no restrictions of this sort on the women refugees.

He has three brothers at the front with the Russian army, ranging in age from 18 to 28 years, and 14 cousins from 18 to 38 years of age.

LETTERS

SOME ABSTRUSE FUNDAMENTALS

Honolulu, March 8, 1916.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: If you would settle the perplexing military question why not go right down to fundamental principles? You will never settle it until you do. Military discipline being the foundation of civil government there should be no friction between the man in the ranks and civil society.

No soldier wants to be coddled by petty trade shysters. Though the fact of the matter is, the soldier here as elsewhere is merely using the army as a stepping stone to some other phase of existence; nevertheless the military is not a servile institution.

It is claimed for Honolulu that these Hawaiian islands are the "melting-pot of the races." If so, well and good, then she is democratic or nothing. As the crystal of civilization gradually takes on form in this crucible it cannot afford to ignore the progress of the Occident of which it itself is a prototype.

America's mission is to evolve order out of the chaos of natural freedom and yet retain its prerogative. Order is something substantial and fundamental. If there be civilization here in Honolulu—if civilization means the "marble heart" and order and justice withal—what more can the soldier ask?

But this crucible is filled with a compound such as the world has never before witnessed. And there are gases being infused which are calculated to develop crystals that the most sanguinary dreamer of former times dared not prognosticate. If civilization is measured by the light of its crystal then it must enforce its brilliance and be a thing of adolescence and admiration and of adamantine firmness.

In former times the citizen was cast into a mould that any amount of versatility could not subvert, but today if the conditions do not lend themselves to versatile ingenuity universal in scope they are absolutely a menace to the rights and liberties as promulgated by the writer of the Constitution of the United States of America.

In reorganizing the army if our peers are wise they will not overlook this fact. Sentiment like water must be kept moving else it becomes stagnant.

ELIGE L. KIRK.

John Mitchell, chairman of the New York State Industrial commission, in an address at New York, outlined the programme of organized labor.

VITAL STATISTICS

BORN

CAMARA—In Honolulu, March 8, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Camara of 1117 Gulick avenue, Kalia, a daughter.

MOEPONO—In Honolulu, March 2, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Ahia Moepono of Manoa valley, a daughter, Mary.

IMOTO—In Honolulu, Feb. 8, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Turuchi Imoto of Judd street, a son, Shigeru.

KUAIHIWU—In Honolulu, February 12, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Kuaihiwua, Magoon block, South Queen street, a son—Eddie Kuaihiwua, Jr.

HOPKINS—In Honolulu, February 7, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. William Bruce Hopkins of 1716 North King street, a daughter—Janet Woolsey Hopkins.

YOSHITANI—In Honolulu, February 1, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Yoshitani of Luso street, a son—Masaharu Yoshitani.

FUJITA—In Honolulu, March 5, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Itsumi Fujita of 1445 South King street, a daughter—Shizuye Fujita.

MARRIED

NELSON-SMITH—In Honolulu, March 8, 1916, Robert Nelson and Miss Madeline G. K. Smith, Rev. Canon William Ault of the St. Andrew's cathedral officiating. Witnesses, Mrs. Stephen F. Burbank and Miss Winona Wallace.

McCABE-COSTA—In Honolulu, March 8, 1916, Palmer McCabe, otherwise known as Joseph Kalmi, and Miss Adriana da Costa, Rev. Father Charles M. Limburg of the Catholic cathedral officiating. Witnesses, Ho Tong and Alice Goo.

GOO-KAM—In Honolulu, March 7, 1916, Goo Yung Duck of Hanalei, Kauai, and Miss Kam Kun Yin of Honolulu, Rev. Kong Yin Tet, pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal Chinese church, officiating. Witnesses, Lyau Lai and Goo Fat.

MATSUMOTO-AJIMURA—In Honolulu, March 7, 1916, Taichi Matsumoto, aged 26, Japanese, to Hira Ajimura, aged 19, Japanese. Ceremony performed by Rev. Motokawa.

DIED

TAM—In Honolulu, March 8, 1916, Tam Ah Chi of Aala lane, unmarried, laborer, a native of China, 53 years old. Buried yesterday in Lochview cemetery, Pearl City.

CRUZ—In the Queen's hospital, Honolulu, March 7, 1916, Eliseo de la Cruz of this city, unmarried, laborer, a native of the Philippine Islands, 23 years old.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—W. E. PIETSCH: I am convinced that the mission rescue home to be opened in Honolulu on March 16 will fulfill one of the city's most urgent needs.

—R. RUDLAND BODE, organist and choirmaster, St. Andrew's Cathedral: Our special Lenten music is progressing nicely. We will give the cantata "Penitence, Pardon and Peace" at the Sunday night service.

—EUGENE BUFFANDEAU, supervisor's clerk: Who is the successor to Bob Shingle? Well, I'd lay my money on Walter Dillingham, if I were sure he would accept. He certainly is the man for the place.

—JAY A. URICE: The Y. W. C. A. of the world certainly is to be complimented for work it has done during the last 50 years. I might add that the Honolulu association has "held its own" since its organization.

—BERTRAM G. RIVENBURGH, land commissioner: The present office force is good enough for me. In line with the policy of the territorial administration I shall make as few changes as possible in the conduct of this office.

—C. J. MCCARTHY: The Tax Commission is working hard at their Thursday meetings and hopes to have a report ready for the governor by July 1. Public hearings on some of the more complicated questions will be had before that time.

—E. E. BROOKS: A Baby Week certainly would be a splendid thing for Honolulu mothers. No doubt a great many of them need instruction in caring for their infants. I understand that such projects on the mainland have been unqualified successes.

—ART SMITH: My little red "Meteor" certainly did attract attention on your streets. A tall traffic cop about seven feet high couldn't see

me when I honked, until he bent half-way over and looked down. Guess he must have thought my little racer was a bug of some kind.

—R. L. HALSEY, U. S. Immigration Inspector: The deportation of Nobu Mitobe yesterday will undoubtedly have a salutary effect as concerns men who attempt to bring undesirable Japanese girls here under improper auspices. The law was designed for the protection of these girls.

—JAMES BICKNELL, city auditor: This office is busy just now getting out a statement for the mayor showing the financial condition of the city as it is today. This, with other figures we are preparing, he is going to present to the governor with the memorial asking for a special session of the legislature.

BRONZE HONOR ROLL TABLE UNVEILING ON MONDAY MORNING

A handsome bronze roll of honor tablet, the gift of the members of the alumni association, will be unveiled at McKinley high school at 9 o'clock next Monday morning. Lester Marks, president of the association, will make the presentation, and Prof. M. M. Scott will respond for the students.

The tablet, similar to the one which has been in use at Oahu College for several years, is 19½ inches wide and 28 inches high, and contains space for 24 names. At the top is a likeness of the late President William McKinley in relief. It will be placed in the assembly hall and each year the names of the two students receiving first and second honors in the graduating class will be engraved on it.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Chung Kan Cho, Korean.....22
Kim San Pong, Korean.....20
William N. F. Ching, Chinese.....21
Nina C. Madellos, Portuguese.....18
A. T. Rowley, American.....21
Belle Souza, Portuguese.....19

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